

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes new Figure 15. No new matter is added with new Figure 15.

Attachment: New Sheet

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated June 29, 2005. Claims 1, 13 and 24 have been amended. The Specification has been amended. New Fig. 15 is added. No new matter has been added by any of these amendments or the new Figure.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time to file this Response are submitted herewith. A check in the amount of \$300.00 is submitted herewith to cover the cost of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the one-month extension. Please charge deposit account number 02-1818 for any insufficiency of payment or credit for any overpayment.

The Office Action objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a), stating that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims, and that the limitation "wherein the display device is adapted to display a plurality of selections, and at least one of the plurality of award values are associated with the selections" as recited in Claims 4, 16 and 26 must be shown. Applicants have added new Fig. 15 (and a description of new Fig. 15 to the specification) to illustrate the subject matter defined by such claims. No new matter has been added by new Fig. 15 or the amendments to the specification. Accordingly, Applicants submit that new Fig. 15 has overcome such objection to the drawings.

The Office Action objected to Claims 1, 13 and 24, stating that a correction of informalities is required. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 13 and 24 in response to the objections. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the objections have been overcome.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1 to 32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,692,355 to Baerlocher et al. ("Baerlocher") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,336,860 to Webb ("Webb"). Applicants respectfully disagree with and traverse such rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that Baerlocher et al. is disqualified as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) because at the time the present invention was conceived, the

subject matter of Baerlocher and the present invention were both subject to an obligation of assignment to IGT, a Nevada corporation.

The present application is assigned to IGT. The assignment from Andrea C. Hughs-Baird and Megan N. Schlegel to IGT was recorded January 9, 2004. A copy of the Notice of Recordation and the recorded assignment to IGT for the present application are enclosed herewith. Baerlocher is also assigned to IGT. Baerlocher was filed April 8, 2003 and claims priority to a parent application filed on July 27, 2000. The assignment from Anthony J. Baerlocher and Peter Gerrard to IGT was recorded on April 8, 2003. A copy of the Notice of Recordation and the recorded assignment to IGT for Baerlocher are enclosed herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that under § 103(c), Baerlocher is not prior art to the present application.

As stated in the Office Action, Webb relates to a gaming device with game symbols having a first defining criteria (e.g., a value or rank) and a second defining criteria (e.g., a color or shape), wherein the second defining criteria can be used to provide the player with an additional award when the second defining criteria of two or more game symbols is the same irrespective of the first defining criteria.

Amended independent Claim 1 is directed to a gaming device including, amongst other elements, a plurality of award values, a plurality of modifier values, an award adapted to be provided to the player based on at least one generated award value and at least one generated modifier value, and an additional award adapted to be provided to the player if the generated award value and the generated modifier include the same or related characteristics.

Unlike amended independent Claim 1, Webb does not teach, disclose or suggest a gaming device including a plurality of award values, a plurality of modifier values, an award adapted to be provided to the player based on at least one generated award value and at least one generated modifier value, and an additional award adapted to be provided to the player if the generated award value and the generated modifier include the same or related characteristics. For this reason alone, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claim 1 is patentably distinguished over Webb and in condition for allowance.

Claims 2 to 12 depend directly or indirectly from amended independent Claims 1 are also allowable for the reasons given with respect to Claim 1, and because of the additional features recited in these claims.

Similar to amended independent Claim 1, amended independent Claims 13, 24 and 26 are each directed to a gaming device/method of operating a gaming device including, amongst other elements, a plurality of first values/first outcomes, a plurality of second values/second outcomes, an award adapted to be provided to the player based on at least one generated first value/first outcome and at least one generated second value/second outcome, and an additional award adapted to be provided to the player if the generated first value/first outcome and the generated second value/second outcome include the same or related characteristics. As described above and unlike the gaming device/method of operating a gaming device of amended independent Claims 13, 24 and 26, Webb does not teach, disclose or suggest a plurality of first values/first outcomes, a plurality of second values/second outcomes, an award adapted to be provided to the player based on at least one generated first value/first outcome and at least one generated second value/second outcome, and an additional award adapted to be provided to the player if the generated first value/first outcome and the generated second value/second outcome include the same or related characteristics. Accordingly, for this reason and the reasons given with respect to amended independent Claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 13, 24 and 26 are patentably distinguished over Webb and in condition for allowance.

Claims 14 to 23, 25, 27 to 32 depend directly or indirectly from amended independent Claims 13, 24 and 26 are also allowable for the reasons given with respect to Claims 13, 24 and 26, and because of the additional features recited in these claims.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions related to this Response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

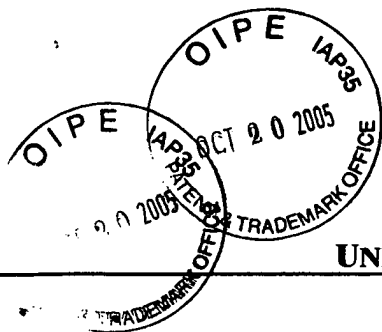
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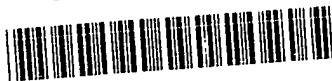
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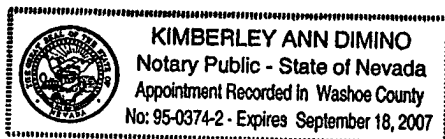
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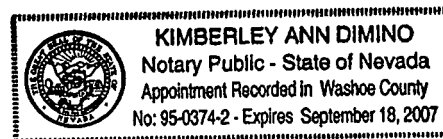
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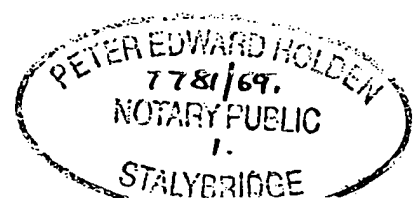
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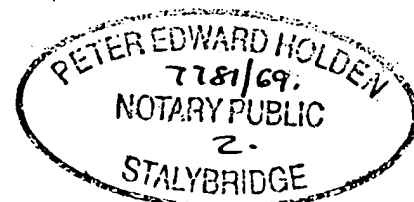
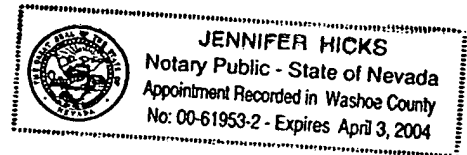
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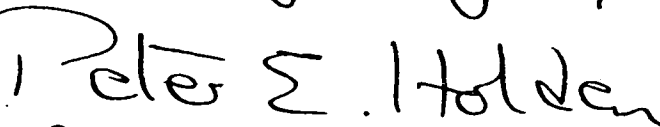
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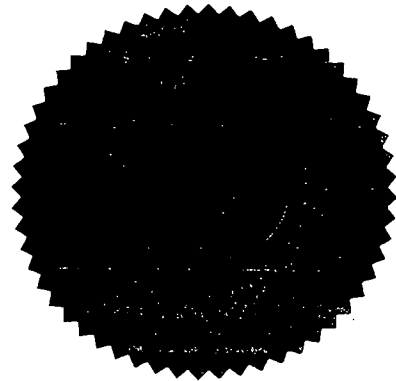
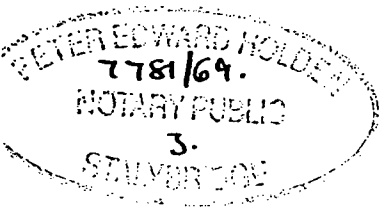


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